ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An imaging apparatus (10) generates
authentication data of image data extracted from an
5   image file generated by the self apparatus or the other
apparatus using ID data extracted from that image file,
and a hash value generated based on common data read
out from a memory (110) and the image data in the image
file. The apparatus compares the generated
10   authentication data with that in the image file to
authenticate if the image data in the image file has
not been altered.